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Governor Ernie Fletcher The Capitol 700 Capitol Avenue Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Subject:

Request for Siting Board Appointments for Merchant Generating

Plant in Ballard County, Kentucky

Dear Governor Fletcher:

This letter is a request for local appointments to the Kentucky Board of Electric Generation and Transmission Siting (the "Siting Board") in an upcoming case for a merchant generating plant in Ballard County, Kentucky. The Public Service Commission already has before it a Notice of Intent to File an Application of DTE Energy Services, Inc., to site a 13 megawatt turbine generator utilizing steam as an energy source (Case No. 2005-00108). Because the Siting Board would like to have its members in place and briefed on their responsibilities by the time the application is filed, I request that the appointments be made at your earliest convenience.

Pursuant to KRS 278.702, if a facility subject to Siting Board approval is proposed to be located in a single county, the governor is to appoint two ad hoc public members for service for the duration of the case concerning that facility. One ad hoc member must be the county judge executive of the county in which the facility will be located. The other ad hoc member is to be a resident of the county where the facility will be located.

Accordingly, I respectfully request (1) appointment of Bob Buchanan, County Judge Executive, and (2) appointment of a resident of Ballard County to serve as Siting Board members for the duration of this proceeding. Pursuant to KRS 278.702(5), I shall



convene the full Siting Board for consideration of this application immediately after it is filed.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mark David Goss Chairman

cc: Teresa Hill, Executive Director, Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor

